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The Honorable Mary E. Peters Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Peters:

Re: 2007 US-Colombia Proceeding - OST 2007-0006

As President and CEO of the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to write today in support of the 2009 application of US Airways, Inc. ("US Airways") to provide nonstop service between Charlotte and Bogotá, Colombia. The new route will provide the residents and businesses of the greater Charleston, S.C. area with the convenience of one-stop Colombia service, will offer shorter elapsed time and more competitive options for travel to Colombia. The benefits of improved transportation links to Colombia will be felt throughout our community. The Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce is united in its conviction that US Airways will provide public benefits far superior to those of the others carriers that have submitted applications to your Department for new service to Colombia.

US Airways has always demonstrated a willingness to meet with our community leaders in an effort to respond to our international as well as domestic service needs. We have every confidence that affording US Airways an opportunity to provide its first service to Colombia and South America will represent a similarly important addition to our longstanding relationship with US Airways. It will bring substantial benefits to both business and tourist travelers from our area to Colombia. US Airways' financial success and remarkable turnaround over the course of the past two years is strong evidence of its ability to maximize the benefits of its significant hub presence throughout the East and West coasts – the same network benefits, which, along with US Airways' dedicated management, will assure the success of US Airways' Colombia service.

The Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce is eager to share in the important benefits of improved air service to Colombia that this route proceeding promises. We therefore urge you to grant US Airways' application.

Thank you for considering our views.

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Sincerely,

Charles H. Van Rysselberge, CCE

President and CEO